

Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1-19. (Cancelled).

20. (New) A composition suitable for use as a hydraulic fluid, comprising at least 75% by weight, based on the total composition, of at least one ester formed by the reaction of

- (i) at least one polyol selected from the group consisting of trimethylol propane, pentaerythritol, neopentyl glycol, di-trimethylol propane, tri-trimethylol propane, di-pentaerythritol, tri-pentaerythritol; with
- (ii) a mixture of fatty acids consisting essentially of (I) straight or branched chain C8 acid, straight or branched chain C10 acid or mixture thereof and (II) straight chain fatty acids having from 16 to 22 carbon atoms, wherein the ratio of esterified acids (I):(II) is in the range 2:1 to 1:20; and

wherein said composition has a viscosity of 7000 mm²/s or less, when measured at -30°C after being held at -30°C for 168 hours.

21. (New) A composition suitable for use as a hydraulic fluid, comprising at least 75% by weight, based on the total composition, of at least one ester formed by the reaction of

- (i) at least one polyol selected from the group consisting of trimethylol propane, pentaerythritol, neopentyl glycol, di-trimethylol propane, tri-trimethylol propane, di-pentaerythritol, tri-pentaerythritol; with
- (ii) a mixture of fatty acids consisting essentially of (I) straight or branched chain C8 acid, straight or branched chain C10 acid or mixture thereof and (II) oleic acid, wherein the ratio of esterified acids (I):(II) is in the range 2:1 to 1:20; and

wherein said composition has a viscosity of 7000 mm²/s or less, when measured at -30°C after being held at -30°C for 168 hours.

22. (New) Composition according to claim 21, wherein the composition has a viscosity of 5000 mm²/s or less, when measured at -30 °C after being held at -30 °C for 168 hours.

23. (New) Composition according to claim 21, wherein the ratio of esterified acids (I):

(II) is between 1:1 and 1:10 by weight.

24. (New) Composition according to claim 21, which is substantially free of an emulsifier.

25. (New) Composition according to claim 21, which further comprises an anti-oxidant.

26. (New) Composition according to claim 21, which further comprises a viscosity index (VI) improver.

27. (New) Composition according to claim 21, which further comprises an anti-wear compound.

28. (New) Composition according to claim 21, which further comprises an anti-foam compound.

29. (New) Composition according to claim 21, which comprises substantially no pour point depressant.

30. (New) Composition according to claim 21, wherein the polyol (i) comprises trimethylolpropane.

31. (New) A hydraulic compositions comprising the composition according to claim 21.